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Kindly amend the claims as follows:

1. (Original) An abrasive pad comprising:
an abrasive surface; and
an elastomer or sponge material backing the abrasive surface and having an end remote from the abrasive surface;
wherein the elastomer or sponge material is formed with two slits starting at edges of the spongy material and oriented substantially parallel to the abrasive surface near the remote end of the spongy material, such that flaps formed by the slits can be folded back to form a finger hold.
2. (Original) An abrasive pad according to claim 1 wherein the elastomer or sponge material is a sponge material.
3. (Currently Amended) An abrasive pad according to claim 1 and further comprising a separate ring of elastomer or sponge material surrounding the backing material to reduce contact between the edge of the abrasive pad surface and a surface being abraded.
4. (Original) An abrasive pad according to claim 3 wherein the elastomer or sponge material of the ring is a sponge material.
5. (Currently Amended) An abrasive pad according to claim 3, wherein the ~~protective~~ ring is of a same material as the backing.
6. (Original) A pad according to claim 1, wherein the pad is shaped as a cylinder.
7. (Currently Amended) An abrasive pad comprising:
an abrasive surface;
an elastomer or sponge material backing the abrasive surface; and
a separate ring of elastomer or sponge material surrounding the backing material to reduce contact between the edge of the abrasive pad surface and a surface being abraded.

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8. (Original) An abrasive pad according to claim 7 comprising a handle that is an integral part of the backing material.

9. (Original) An abrasive pad according to claim 7 comprising a handle created by folding out flaps slit from the backing material.

10. (Currently Amended) An abrasive pad according to claim 7, wherein the protective ring is of a same material as the backing.

11. (Original) An abrasive pad according to claim 7, wherein the pad is shaped as a cylinder.

12. (Original) An abrasive pad according to claim 7 wherein the elastomer or sponge material of the ring is a sponge material.

13. (Original) An abrasive pad according to claim 7 wherein the elastomer or sponge material of the backing is a sponge material.